

School Size and Enrollment 2009-10

School Size	# of Schools	Percent of School	Enrollment	Percent of Enrollment
>500	49	6%	42,927	30%
250 to 499	160	19%	56,027	40%
100 to 249	161	19%	26,444	19%
50 to 99	117	14%	8,563	6%
<50	341	41%	7,846	6%
	828	100%	141,807	100%

* Due to rounding numbers may not add up to 100%

Poverty Indicators

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Age 5-17 in Families in Poverty*	16.70%	16.40%	29th
Percent Eligible for Free/Reduced Lunch**	35.10%	N/A	21st
*US Census Bureau 2007			
** Common Core of Data, 2006-07 School Year			

Public School Districts

	2009-10
K-12 districts	52
Combined elementary (joint board)	105
Combined high school (joint board)	105
Single districts (154 el, 4 hs)	156
State funded districts	2
Nonoperating and annexed districts	7
Total School Districts	427

School Data

	2009-10
Elementary Schools	444
Middle, 7&8, Junior High Schools	213
High School	171
Total Schools	828

Nonpublic School Enrollment
(Self-Reported)

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	% of Total Enrollment
Private	8,707	7,816	7,645	5.1%
Home school	4,106	3,973	4,079	2.7%
Total	12,813	11,789	11,724	7.8%

About the Big Sky State

- Population: 902,195 (2000 Census); Population 974,989 (2009 Estimate)
- Size: 147,046 square miles (fourth largest state)
- Population density: 6.2 per square mile (2000 Census)
- State racial makeup: White 90.6%, American Indian 6.2%, Hispanic 2.0 %, Asian 0.6%, Black 0.3%, other 0.6% (2000 Census)
- Seven Indian Reservations and 12 Tribal Nations including one landless tribe, the Little Shell Chippewa
- School racial makeup: White 83.1%, American Indian 11.8%, Hispanic 2.8%, Asian 0.9%, Black 1.0%, Pacific Islander 0.3%
- 570 miles long, 315 miles wide
- Elevation range: 1,820 to 12,799 feet above sea level
- Borders three Canadian provinces and four states
- Headwaters for two major rivers – Missouri and Columbia
- Primary industries: agriculture, services, government (including education) and retail trade

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- Travel Montana (406) 841-2870
- http://ceic.commerce.mt.gov
- The Census & Economic Information Center (406) 841-2740

For more school data

- www.opi.mt.gov/measurement
- www.opi.mt.gov/reportcard

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Denise Juneau
Denise Juneau, State Superintendent

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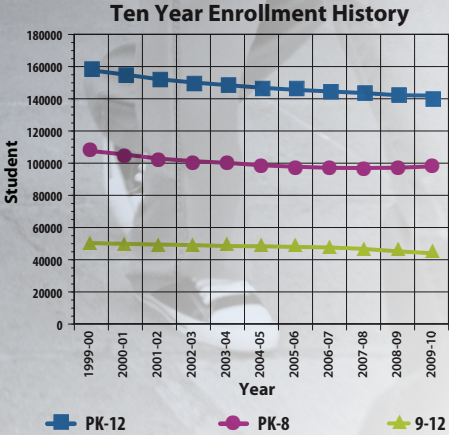
Montana Public School Enrollment

	2008-09	2009 -10	% Change 2009 to 2010
Elementary			
Prekindergarten	778	1,206	
Kindergarten	10,900	10,959	
Grades	63,532	64,041	
Grades 7-8	21,780	21,638	
Total Elementary	96,990	97,844	0.9%
High School			
Grades 9-12	44,979	43,849	
Total High School	44,979	43,849	-2.5%
State-Funded Schools*			
Elementary (PreK-8)	22	24	
High School (9-12)	91	90	
Total State -Funded Schools	113	114	0.9%
Total Public School Enrollment	142,082	141,807	-0.2%

* The state-funded schools are Pine Hills School, Riverside School, and the Montana School for the Deaf and Blind.

Montana Public School Enrollment

Montana enrollment peaked in the 1995-1996 school year. Since then, enrollment has decreased by more than 20,000 students. The enrollment decrease is due to the decrease in Montana live births.

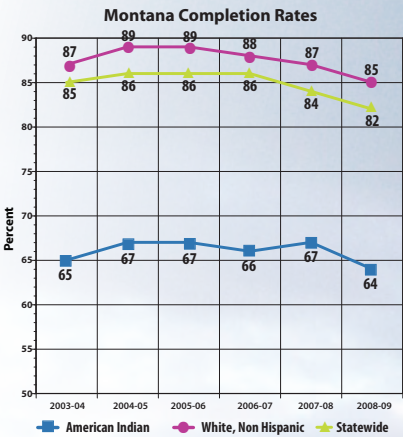


After declining for seven years, kindergarten enrollment began increasing again in 2003-04 and has increased by 813 students from 2003-04 to 2009-10. Elementary grades (Pk-8) are showing an increase in enrollment (0.9%). High school enrollment is continuing to show a steady decline (-2.5).

High School Graduates 2009

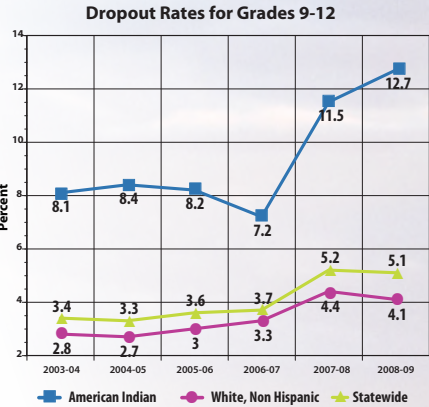
High School Graduates 2009	10,029
GED* recipients (ages 16 to 19)	1,262
* General Educational Development	

Montana Completion Rates 2003-04 to 2008-09



Overall high school completion rates have been relatively stable over the past six years, with a slight decline in the past two years. The gap between American Indian students and all students combined is 18 percentage points. The gap between white students and American Indian students is 21 percentage points.

Dropout Rates for Grades 9-12 2003-04 to 2008-09



Student level data from schools and increased quality control measures result in more accurate data. The 2008-09 data should be considered baseline. Data collected for subsequent years will provide needed trends.

Licensed K-12 Staff (Full-Time Equivalent) 2009 -10

Teachers- Classroom, Title I, Special Ed.	10,624
Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents	143
Principals and Assistant Principals	526
Other Administrative Staff	106
Education Specialists (Library, Guidance Counselors, Etc)	974
Licensed Professional (Non Educator)	360
Total Licensed Staff FTE	12,733
Paraprofessionals	2,344
Total Licensed and Paraprofessional Staff	15,077

Student/Teacher Ratio 2006-07 2007-08

Montana average	13.9	13.6
National average	15.5	15.5
Data from Common Core of Data, USED		

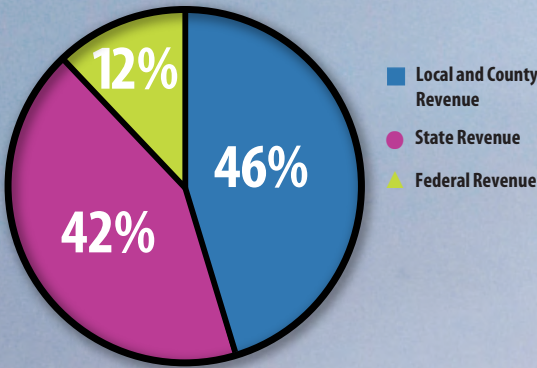
Assessment Test Scores

	2008		2009		2010	
	MT	Natl.	MT.	Natl.	MT	Natl.
ACT**	22.0	21.1	22.0	21.1	22.0	21.0
SAT*						
verbal	541	502	541	501	539	498
math	548	515	542	515	542	511
writing	523	494	519	493	518	488

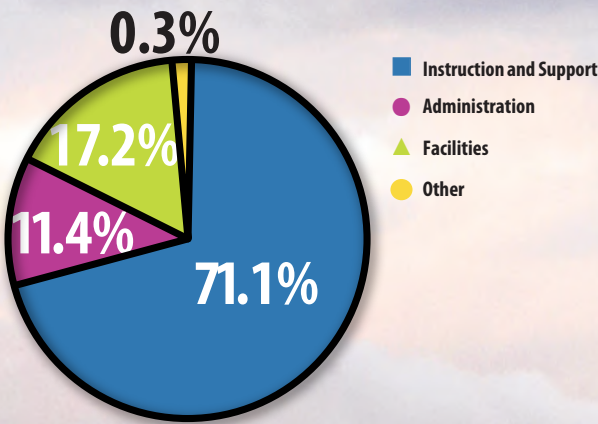
** American College Testing Program-- High Score 36. In 2010 58% of Montana graduating seniors took the ACT. Nationally 47% of graduating seniors took the ACT.

*Scholastic Aptitude Test-- High Score 800. In 2010 19% of Montana graduating seniors took the SAT. Nationally 37% of graduating seniors took the SAT.

Montana Public School Districts Statewide Revenues 2008-09

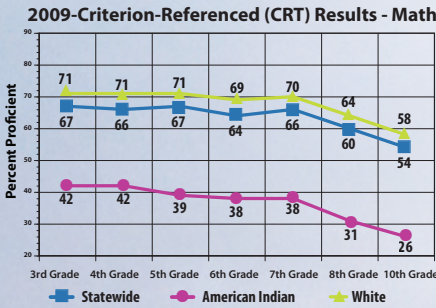


Montana Public School Districts Statewide Expenditures 2008-09



Based on the Standard and Poor's definition

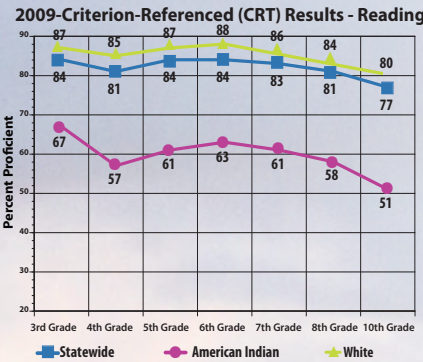
2009 Criterion-Referenced(CRT) Results Math



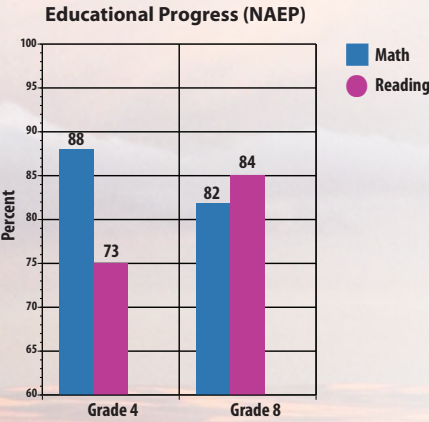
In Spring 2009, Montana students took the CRT test in the 3rd through 8th and 10th grade, measuring progress towards state standards in reading and math.

The achievement gap between American Indian students and all students is quite substantial in both reading and math in every tested grade. In math it is never closer that 24 points (4th grade) and in reading it is never closer than 17 points (3rd grade). As a general rule the older the student the greater the gap rising to 28 and 26 points respectively in the 10th grade.

Results Reading



2007 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)



The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), referred to as the Nation's Report Card, is a measure of student achievement in the United States.